

4-POWER PACT GIVES ISLAND TO JAPAN, BELIEF

Russian Observers Declare Saghalin Is Guaranteed to New Possessors by Treaty Terms.

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The suggestion of one of the Russian observers of the arms conference, first presented here Wednesday, that the proposed four-power treaty in effect guarantees Japan in her occupation of the big Russian island of Saghalin, is resulting in a closer scrutiny of that document by some of its earlier champions.

John Dewey, America's foremost authority on Chinese affairs, in an article, "A Few Second Thoughts on Four-Power Pact," published in the Baltimore Sun this morning, discussing the bearing of the treaty in relation to Russia, asks: "Are we committed to discussion and adjustment of this matter in a conference where Japan is represented and Russia excluded?"

"If so," he answers, "this fact alone is sufficient, in my opinion, to justify the Senate in either rejecting the treaty or insisting upon a reservation that, if the controversy involves a nation not a party to the treaty, that power shall be entitled to representation in the conference on an equality with other powers."

H. W. Nevins, of the famous

Manchester Guardian, in an article in the New York World today, says that the one apparently inviolable rule of the conference thus far developed is that "whatever Japan sobs for she must have." He expresses the belief, however, that Japan "probably will gradually withdraw her troops from eastern Siberia."

Russian Monarchist's View.

In an article here last week the "spokesman for one of the Russian faction," who may now be identified as Boris Brasol, head of the Russian Monarchical Party delegation, was quoted to the effect that "it is inconceivable that any Russian government that may succeed the soviets would ever abandon Russia's claim to the Chinese Eastern railway with-

Apparently, now, Brasol might have included the Soviet government among those who would press for the maintenance of Russian rights in this matter, as Tchicherin, the Soviet minister of foreign affairs, has since notified the conference by wireless that his government will refuse to recognize

any action of the conference dealing with the disposition of the Chinese Eastern railway. This seems to make Russian opinion unanimous on two issues—the railway, and the necessity of evicting the Japanese from Siberia.

A third, also, as the Tchicherin protest inferentially backs up the sentiment of all the various Russian delegations in Washington for the confer-

ence, and voiced by Brasol, that "any settlement of Far Eastern problems without Russian participation is impossible." This idea seems to be gaining ground in Europe, and, further, that any permanent settlement of world problems in general in which Russia is ignored is impossible, Lord Birkenhead, one of the "die-hards" of the British cabinet, is quoted in press

dispatches from London this morning as declaring that Russia must be represented in the international economic conference proposed for next spring.

Aggressions Are Known.

Though Americans in general have been kept in ignorance, the War Department, and, through duplicate reports, the State Department, has at all times been well advised of the repres-

The tragedy in one of these cases is almost lost, at this distance. In the humor of the Japanese reason given for its occasion. Two Russian railway employees at Imyanpo, Manchuria, were shot by the Japanese, without trial, because "one of them asked a Japanese soldier why the Japanese

From this case, the report cites instances of Japanese oppression ranging in seriousness down to the temporary imprisonment of individuals or groups without trial or the preferment of charges, and up to that of the concerted attack on Russians at Vladivostok, Nikolsk and Habarovsk in April, 1920, when 400 were killed and

other hundreds thrown in prison by the Japanese.

Condemned Man Orders Lobster to Defy Stomach

CAEN, France, Dec. 17.—Men condemned to death, it has become a custom in France, may eat or drink what they like for their last meal.

"American lobster or nothing" demanded one man about to die. "I have always ordered American lobster, but I have never been able to eat it without suffering from indigestion for hours afterward."

**Counter "Statements"
Cause Suit for Divorce**

MACON, Mo., Dec. 17.—Colorado is the best State, declared Mrs. William H. Anderson. Missouri is the best, asserted her husband.

Without seeking the medium of arbitration, Mrs. Anderson "packed up and went to Colorado to live." "She can stay there," asserts Anderson, who has sued for divorce on the grounds of desertion.

Kentucky Fugitives Are Caught on Mountain Top

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 17.—Cale Noble and Tom Noble, two alleged leaders of the attack on the Breathitt county jail last Saturday morning, have been captured on top of the mountain over the cave in which

they took refuge, according to a telephonic message received here late tonight by Mrs. V. G. Mullikin from her husband, who, with his bloodhounds, went to Breathitt county from Lexington, Wednesday night.

No particulars of the capture were related to Mrs. Mullikin by her husband.

Man Taken in Dry Raid

**Horse Taken in Dry Road
Costs U. S. \$700 Board**
BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Federal Judge Morton signed an order for the sale at auction of a buggy and a horse seized fourteen months ago in a liquor raid.
The Government has paid \$700 for board for the animal in a livery stable,